

**UTAH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill reauthorizes the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program and repeals certain outdated provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the membership of the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee;
- ▶ amends the repeal date for the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program; and
- ▶ repeals provisions related to certain contracts and applications that no longer exist.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-46-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 286

63I-2-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 345

REPEALS:

26-46-104, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 307

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-46-103** is amended to read:

26-46-103. Advisory committee -- Membership -- Compensation -- Duties.

(1) There is created the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program

Advisory Committee consisting of the following 13 members appointed by the executive director, eight of whom shall be residents of rural communities:

(a) one rural representative of Utah Hospitals and Health Systems, nominated by the association;

(b) two rural representatives of the Utah Medical Association, nominated by the association;

(c) one representative of the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants, nominated by the association;

(d) one representative of the Association for Utah Community Health, nominated by the association;

(e) one representative of the Utah Dental Association, nominated by the association;

(f) one representative of mental health therapists, selected from nominees submitted by mental health therapist professional associations;

(g) one representative of the Association of Local Health Officers, nominated by the association;

(h) one representative of ~~the~~ a low-income advocacy ~~community~~ group, nominated by ~~the Utah Human Services Coalition~~ a Utah health and human services coalition that represents underserved populations;

(i) one nursing program faculty member, nominated by the Statewide Deans and Directors Committee;

(j) one administrator of a long-term care facility, nominated by the Utah Health Care Association;

(k) one nursing administrator, nominated by the Utah Nurses Association; and

(l) one geriatric professional who is:

(i) determined by the department to have adequate advanced training in geriatrics to prepare the person to provide specialized geriatric care within the scope of the person's profession; and

(ii) nominated by a professional association for the profession of which the person is a member.

(2) An appointment to the committee shall be for a four-year term unless the member is appointed to complete an unexpired term. The executive director may also adjust the length of

term at the time of appointment or reappointment so that approximately 1/2 the committee is appointed every two years. The executive director shall annually appoint a committee chair from among the members of the committee.

(3) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair, at least three members of the committee, or the executive director, but no less frequently than once each calendar year.

(4) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum. The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the committee.

(5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(a) Section 63A-3-106;

(b) Section 63A-3-107; and

(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(6) The committee shall:

(a) make recommendations to the department for the development and modification of rules to administer the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program; and

(b) advise the department on the development of a needs assessment tool for identifying underserved areas.

(7) As funding permits, the department shall provide staff and other administrative support to the committee.

Section 2. Section **63I-2-226** is amended to read:

63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.

(1) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program, is repealed July 1, [2017] 2027.

(2) Section 26-18-412 is repealed December 31, 2016.

Section 3. **Repealer.**

This bill repeals:

Section **26-46-104, Continuity between programs.**